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McDONALD & CO.
LORETTO, Dec. 12, 1879.-tf.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE!
BY virtue of an order issuing out of the Orphans' Court of Cambria county, and to me directed, I will offer at public sale, on the premises in Cambria township, on
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1880,
AT 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.,
All that PIECE or PARCEL of LAND
situate in the township of Cambria, in the county of Cambria, aforesaid, bounded and and described as follows: Beginning at a corner post at the northwest corner of a tract of land surveyed on a warrant to the name of Wm. Woods; thence by land formerly of John O. Jones, south 176 perches, to a post; thence by part of the same tract, now the property of Ebenezer Williams, east 107 perches, to a sugar; thence by part of the same tract, now the property of John M. Williams, north 176 perches, to a post; thence west 107 perches to the place of beginning—containing **117 Acres and 102 Perches**, strict measure, having thereon erected a good dwelling house, barn, Frame Shed, Fruit Barn, and other outbuildings. There is also a good Orchard on the premises, a Well of pure water at the door, and an excellent Spring of never-failing water convenient to the house. The land is a very desirable one, and is not more than a mile and a half from Ebensburg.

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THOMAS HOOVER,
Administrators of Andrew Weible, dec'd.
Cambria Twp., Dec. 19, 1879.-3t.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE!—Having been appointed Auditor by the Orphans' Court of Cambria county to report distribution of the money in the hands of John Buck, Administrator, &c., of Peter Bertram, deceased, as shown by his first and partial account, notice is hereby given to all parties interested that I will attend to the duties of said appointment, at my office in Ebensburg, on Friday, January 16th, 1880, at o'clock in the afternoon, when and where they must attend, or be debarred from coming in on said fund.
GEO. W. OATMAN, Auditor.
Ebensburg, Dec. 19, 1879.-3t.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE!—Having been appointed Auditor by the Orphans' Court of Cambria county to report distribution of the money in the hands of Sylvester Byrne, Executor of the last will and testament of James Byrne, deceased, as shown by his third partial account, notice is hereby given that I will attend to the duties of said appointment, at my office in Ebensburg, on Tuesday, January 13th, 1880, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when and where they must attend, or be debarred from coming in on said fund.
GEO. W. OATMAN, Auditor.
Ebensburg, Dec. 19, 1879.-3t.

WM. H. SECHLER, *Attorney at Law*, Ebensburg, Pa. Office in Colonade Row, (recently occupied by Wm. Kittell, Esq.,) Centre street [1-21.'76.-tf.]

THE MARRIAGE OF SANTA CLAUS.

Once Santa Claus sobered and said with a sigh,
While a tear added lustre to each twinkling eye,
"Oh! I'm getting so lonely and weary of life,
I need a companion, or, better, a wife;
But where could I find one to share my joy,
And love, as I love, every girl and each boy,"
He thought and he pondered, this jolly recluse,
Then he shouted, "I have it; 'tis Old Mother Goose."

He was off in a jiffy, he whistled, his sled
O'er the snow like the flight of a sky rocket sped,
And his reindeer snorted, with heads high and haughty,
And trotted along at the rate of two-forty.
So he found the old lady, of course, very soon,
She had just returned from a trip to the moon,
And was fixing her cap, slightly mussed by the ride,
While the cobwebs were thick in the broom by her side.
She was old, she was weazened, she had a great nose,
Yet her eyes were as bright as the plumage of crows,
And her voice, though 'twas cracked, had a ring very sweet,
And her dress, though 'twas queer, was most awfully neat.
And Santa Claus blushed as he said, "How de do?"
The dame courtesyed low, and replied, "Sir to you,"
"Will you have me?" he prays; "my darling confess."
She hesitates, murmers and then whispers, "Yes;"
"But my children!" she cries, with the usual pause.
"Why, children, I love 'em," said bluff Santa Claus.
"Bring 'em out—where are they; I want 'em!" cries he.
So forth troop they all in a great company.
First comes a fair maiden, and know her we should
By the wolf and her granny—'tis Red Riding Hood;
While after them, fearfully blowing his horn,
Is Little Boy Blue on his way from the corn;
And the notes of the music he sweetly doth play
Brings Peter piper's son Tom from the hills far away.
And then with a jump and a roll down the hill
With pails and with water bounce poor Jack and Jill.
Their crowns were both broken and help they implore
From their Mother Hubbard and Margery Daw.
As well as a nameless man, tattered and torn,
Who is kissing and kissing a maiden forlorn.
And forth from her garden, in a way quite contrary,
With fruits and with flowers, comes sweet Mistress Mary;
Then Simon the simple returns from the fair,
With his pie-man, most cautious in selling his wares;
While dragging their tails behind flock in the sheep
Of the wandering shepherdess, Little Bo Peep.
A very old woman lugs up a great shoe,
And out jump her children, a boisterous crew;
Some sing and some dance, and some of them play
"The Mulberry Bush" and "Rain, rain, go away."
But one little boy slinks off in the corner
And munches a pie—'tis greedy Jack Horner;
While poor Tommy Tucker expects some in vain
And bewails his fate with Tom Grace who's in pain.
But music has charms and they list to the song
Of that jolly musician the young Richard Long.
Then Old King Cole and his fiddlers three
Bring up the rear of this vast company;
"They have first what I want," shouts old Santa Claus,
Mother Goose and her children ring out their applause.
"Now all jump aboard—our new home we'll explore;
On my sled there has ever been room for one more."
With shouts and with laughter they tumbled within
And wrapped buffalo robes close beneath every chin;
The reindeer they galloped, the moon shone out bright
As they hurried along in its soft silver light,
And the fat, jolly driver chuckled often in glee
At the sight of his wife and his vast family.
And the songs of the children rang out in the air
As they journeyed along disregarding all care,
Till they reached the great palace and thro' it to roam,
And forever be happy within their new home.

—*Albany Argus, Christmas Day.*

MR. PARSON'S WILL.

It was my first visit to London since I had taken up my abode and entered on the practice of my profession as solicitor at Southampton.

In London I had a very dear friend, my old college mate, George Dickson; and as he was the only person I knew in the great metropolis, of course I lost no time in looking him up.

Three years had passed since our last meeting, but ten could have scarcely produced a change more marked than had taken place in the appearance and manner of my friend.

Our first greeting and friendly inquiries over, I longed, yet forbore, to ask the cause of my friend's melancholy,—I felt sure, in due time, of being made the confidant of the secret, provided no motive of delicacy prompted its concealment.

That evening, in the room at the hotel, George told me his story. He had formed an attachment for a young lady, whose graces of mind and person he portrayed with all the fervor of a lover's eloquence. She had returned his affection, but her father had opposed his suit, having set his heart on the marriage of his daughter to a nephew of his.

This nephew was a young surgeon, of profligate character, my friend assured me—but that may have been prejudice—who had long, but unsuccessfully, wooed his cousin, to whom his offers were as repugnant as to her father they were acceptable.

Some months since, Mr. Parsons, the young lady's father, had gone into Hampshire on business, accompanied by his nephew. At Southampton he was seized with a sudden illness, which terminated fatally in three days.

On the day preceding his death he had executed a will (which had since been duly proved by the depositions of the attesting witness), containing a request that his daughter, to whom he had left the whole of his estate, should accept the hand of his nephew in marriage, coupled with the provision that in case the latter offered, and she refused within a specified time to enter into the proposed union, the whole estate devised for the daughter should be forfeited to the nephew.

To sacrifice her fortune to her heart's choice would not have caused Julia Parsons a moment's hesitation; and nothing could have more delighted George Dickson than so fair an opportunity of showing how superior his devotion was to all thought of personal advantage. But her father's dying request, in Julia's eyes, was sacred. It had surprised and startled her, it is true, as in their conferences on the subject he had never gone beyond the most kindly remonstrances, and had never hinted at anything like coercion.

Young Parsons, the nephew, had not the magnanimity to forego his ungenerous advantage. He might have been content with his cousin's fortune alone, but his right to that depended on his offer and her rejection of an alliance which she felt in conscience bound to accept. This brief season of grace which she had been compelled to beg even with tears had already nearly passed, and a few more days would witness the condemnation of two lives to hopeless misery.

At the conclusion of my friend's narrative, in which, for reasons that may hereafter be developed, I felt a peculiar interest, I prevailed upon him to accompany me to a place of amusement to which I had previously procured tickets.

When we reached the theatre the performance had already begun, but we succeeded in finding seats which commanded a fine view both of the stage and the audience.

In a few moments George touched me on the elbow.

"Observe the gentleman nearly opposite, in the front row, seated next to the column, leaning his arm on his cane," he whispered.

I looked in the direction indicated, and saw a face whose striking resemblance to one I had seen before caused me to start with surprise.

"Who is it?"

"Eldridge Parsons," was the reply.

"The nephew of whom you spoke?"

"Does he resemble his uncle?" I was on the point of inquiring, but just then the stranger drew the glove from his right hand and I saw that the first joint of the middle finger was missing, a circumstance which, for sufficient reasons, absorbed my attention.

"Do you know the exact date of Mr. Parson's death?" I asked, when we had gained the street at the close of the performance.

"Yes," said George. "It was the twenty-third of December. His daughter received a telegram from her cousin announcing the fact the same day.—But why do you ask?"

"I have reasons which may or may not prove good ones," I returned, and stating that I had business engagements for the whole next day, I parted with my friend, promising to meet him on the following evening.

Next afternoon found me at the house of Mr. Parsons, the nephew.

"Mr. Parsons, I presume?" were the words with which I accosted the gentleman I had seen at the the theatre.

"Yes, sir."

"You may not remember me, Mr. Parsons, but I believe that we have met before.

"I beg your pardon, sir, for not recollecting the occasion."

"You were in Southampton last year, were you not?"

"I was," he replied, with some embarrassment.

"I am the solicitor on whom you called to make a draft of a will."

He turned pale, but made no reply.

"I saw a record of that will at the Doctors' Commons, this morning," I resumed, "and—"

"You speak of my uncle's will," he hastily interrupted.

"And yet," I continued, "you said it was yours when you applied to have it written. You represented yourself desirous of executing such a document, preparatory to embarking on a perilous voyage. This paper was drawn in accordance with your instructions, leaving the date to be filled in at the date of signing. Your locks were gray then, and you certainly looked old enough to have a marriageable daughter; but your disguise was not perfect." And I pointed to the mutilated finger.

"What do you mean?" he shouted in a defiant tone.

"Simply that your uncle's signature to that will is a forgery!" I answered, rising and confronting him. "He died on the twenty-third of December.—Your own telegram to that effect is in existence. It was the day before Christmas that you called on me to prepare the document now on record as his will. The inference is plain; you undertook to manufacture this spurious testament after your uncle's death, and, wishing to clothe your villiany in legal form, you procured from me the required draft. You, or some one at your instigation, simulated the signature of the deceased. The witnesses, who have since perjured themselves in their depositions, were procured in some manner best known to yourself—"

"Enough, sir," he ejaculated, placing his back against the door; "you have shown yourself to be in the possession of secrets the custody of which proves dangerous."

"I am not unprepared for your threats," I replied. "In the first place, I did not come here unarmed; in the next, I have prepared a full written statement of the facts to which I have alluded, with information, besides, of my present visit to yourself. This paper will be delivered to the friend to whom it is directed, unless within an hour I reclaim it from the messenger, who has been instructed to retain it for that length of time."

His face grew livid. His frame quivered with mingled fear and rage, and his eye gleamed like that of a wild beast at bay.

"What is your purpose?" said he, in a voice hoarse with suppressed passion.

"To keep your secret while you live, on one condition."

"Name it."

"That you write instantly to Julia Parsons, renouncing all pretentions to her hand and absolutely withdrawing your proposal of marriage."

After a moment's pause he penned a brief note which he submitted to my inspection; it was quite satisfactory.

"Be so good as to sign and address it," I said.

He did so.

"I will see that it is delivered," I said, taking it up, and bowing myself out.

When I met George Dickson that evening, his old college look had come back. He had great news to tell me.—The next thing was to take me to see Julia; and it is needful to say what a happy evening we spent together, and that a happy marriage followed not long after.

Ethridge Parsons, I have just learned, emigrated to Australia on board of the "London," and went down in that ill-fated ship.

BLESSED be the man who knows how to caper and enjoy nonsense; woe to the man that parted early with his boyhood, and blessed be the man that carries his boyhood down latest into life.

A GHOST STORY.

WHAT THE TOUCH OF A SPIRIT HAND DID TO A WOMAN'S WRIST.

A London paper tells the following weird story:

John, the Earl of Tyrone, and Nicola Hamilton, afterwards wife of Sir Tristram Beresford, were born in Ireland in the reign of Charles II. They were trusted to the care of the same person, by whom they were educated in the principles of Delsm. Their guardian dying when they were still young, they fell into indifferent hands. The persons on whom the cares of them now devolved appear to have used every possible endeavor to eradicate the erroneous principles which they had imbibed and to persuade them to embrace revealed religion in some form or other. But these endeavors were all in vain. The arguments of their friends were insufficient to convince, though they served to stagger their former faith, or rather their former scepticism. But, though they were now separated from each other, their friendship remained unalterable, and they continued to regard each other with a sincere and fraternal, or rather cousinly, affection. After some years had elapsed, and they were both grown up, they made a solemn promise to each other that whichever should die first would (if permitted) appear to the other, in order to declare to him or her what religion was most acceptable to the Supreme Being. Nicola was shortly after married to Sir Tristram Beresford, but no condition could alter their friendship, and the families frequently visited each other. During a visit to the lady's brother-in-law at Gill Hall, near Dromore, in the year 1693, Sir Tristram remarked when his lady came down to breakfast that her complexion was unusually pale, and her countenance bore evident marks of terror and confusion. He inquired anxiously about her health, but she assured him that she was perfectly well. He repeated his inquiries, and begged to know if anything had disordered her. She replied, "No, no; I am as well as usual." "You have hurt your wrist; have you sprained it?" asked he, observing a black ribbon bound around it. She replied that she had not, but added, "Let me conjure you, my dear Tristram, never more to inquire the cause of my wearing this ribbon; if it concerned you as a husband to know the reason I would not for a moment conceal it. I never in my life decided you a request; but of this I must entreat you to forgive my refusal, and never more to urge me further on the subject." "Very well, my lady," said he, smiling; "since you so earnestly desire me I will trouble you no further."

The conversation here ended. Lady Beresford inquired eagerly if the post was come in. She was told it had not arrived. In a few moments she again rang the bell, and repeated her inquiries, "Is not the post yet come in?" She was again answered that it was not. "Do you expect letters?" asked Sir Tristram. "Oh, no! but I am anxious for the arrival of the post." "I do," she answered. "I expect to hear Lord Tyrone is dead; he died last Saturday at 4 o'clock." "I never in my life," said Sir Tristram, "believed you to be superstitious; but you must have had an idle dream which has thus alarmed you." At this moment a servant opened the door and delivered a letter sealed with black wax. "It is as I expected—he is dead," Sir Tristram opened the letter. It was from Lord Tyrone's steward, and contained the melancholy news that his master had died on the preceding Saturday (October 14, 1693,) at the hour which Lady Beresford had specified.

After a period of some months Lady Beresford had a son, whose birth Sir Tristram survived little more than seven years, and in 1701, and after his death his lady seldom went from home; in fact she visited no family but that of a gentleman in the neighborhood, named Gorges. With them she frequently passed a few hours. The rest of her time was entirely devoted to solitude, and she appeared determined forever to banish all other society. The family consisted of himself, his wife and one son, who was about her own age. To this son (who became Lieutenant-General Gorges, of Kilbrew), after a few years, she married, notwithstanding the disparity of a connection so unequal in most respects. The event justified the expectations of every one. Lady Beresford was treated by her husband with contempt and even with cruelty; while at the same time his whole conduct showed him to be the most abandoned libertine, utterly destitude of every principle of virtue and humanity. To this her second husband Lady Beresford brought two daughters, after which, in consequence of the profligacy of the second, she resided on a separate farm. They parted for several years, when so great was the contrition which he expressed for his former behavior, that, overcome by his persuasions and promises, she was induced to pardon and once more reside with him, and some time after she became the mother of another son. Every day and month after the birth of her child being the anniversary of her own birthday, she sent for her daughter, Lady Riverston, and a few other friends, to request them to spend the day with her. "For," said she, "I am forty-eight to-day." "No," answered the clergyman, "you are mistaken; your mother and I have had many disputes concerning your age. So, happening to go into the parish church where you were baptized, I was resolved to put an end to my doubts by searching the register, and I find that you are but forty-seven this day." "You have signed my death warrant!" replied she; "I have not much longer to live; I must, therefore entreat you to leave immediately, as I have something of importance to settle before I die!" When the clergyman had left Lady Beresford, she sent to put off her company, and at the same time to request Lady Betty Cobbs and her son, of whom Sir Tristram was the father, and who was then about twelve years of age, to come to her apartment immediately. Upon their arrival she desired her attendants to quit the room. "I have something of importance to communicate to you both," she said, "before I die, my mind is not far distant. You, Lady Betty Cobbs, are no stranger to the friendship that always subsisted between Lord Tyrone and myself. We were educated under the same roof in the principles of Deism, when the friends into whose hands we afterwards fell endeavored to persuade us to embrace revealed religion; their arguments, though they failed to convince us, were powerful enough to stagger our faith, and to leave us wavering between two opinions. In this perplexing state of doubt and uncertainty we made a solemn promise to each other that whichever should die first would, if permitted by the Almighty, appear to the other to declare what religion was most acceptable to Him. Accordingly one night when Sir Tristram and I were in bed, I awoke and discovered Lord Tyrone sitting by my bedside. I screamed out and endeavored to awake Sir Tristram. "For heaven's sake, Lord Tyrone," said I, "my what means and for what purpose came you here at this time of night?" "Have you forgotten our promise, then?" said he. "I died last Saturday at 4 o'clock, and am permitted by the Almighty being to appear to you to assure you that revealed religion is the true and the only one by which you can be saved. I am further permitted to inform you that you are now with child of a son, which it is decreed shall grow up and marry my niece. Not many years after the child's birth Sir Tristram will die, and you, his widow, will be married again to a man by whose ill-treatment your life will be rendered miserable. You will bring him two daughters and afterwards a son; you will die in child bed of that son so compelling your forty-seventh year." "Just heavens!" exclaimed I, "and cannot I prevent this?" "Undoubtedly," said he, "you can; you are a free agent, and may prevent it by resisting every temptation to a second marriage. More I am not permitted to say. But if, after these warnings, you persist in your infidelity, you will be miserable indeed." "May I ask," said I, "if you are happy?" "Had I been otherwise," said he, "I should not have been permitted to appear to you thus." "I may, therefore, infer that you are happy?" He smiled. "But how," said I, "when to-morrow morning comes, shall I be convinced that your appearance thus to me has been real, and not the mere phantom of my own imagination?" "Will not the news of my death be sufficient to convince you?" said he. "No," said I; "I might have had such a dream, and that dream accordingly come to pass. I wish to have some strong proof of its reality." "You shall," said he; then he waved his hand, and the bed curtains, which were of crimson velvet, were instantly drawn up through a large iron hook, by which the tester

Cambria Freeman.

EBENSBURG, PA.,
FRIDAY, - - - - - JAN. 9, 1880.

AT Mr. Hayes' New Year's reception, a venerable gentleman, while shaking hands with him, innocently remarked: "I have voted for a good many candidates for President, Mr. Hayes, but you are the only one *who was elected*." What reply, if any, to this unintentional sarcasm was made by the beneficiary of the Electoral Commission is not stated, but the inference is strong that he dropped the old man's hand as suddenly as he would a hot potato.

EX-GOVERNOR HOUSTON, of Alabama, who took his seat last March as U. S. Senator, died at Athens, his home, one day last week. He was sixty-nine years of age and had served in Congress from 1841 to 1861, with the exception of one term. He was a man of very considerable ability, and, as we recollect, stood aloof from the secession movement. Governor Cobb has appointed Luke Pryor to fill the vacancy caused by Senator Houston's death.

IN the Dauphin county court, on Friday last, Judge Pearson quashed the remainder of the bills of indictment in the Pittsburg riot bribery cases, on the same grounds on which a few weeks ago he made a similar disposition of the bill against Charles B. Salter. This puts an end to the prosecutions against Kemble and his lobby gang until new bills against them have been returned by the Grand Jury, an opportunity to do which will be afforded at the next sessions of the Court, on Monday, January 26th. Judge Pearson did not hesitate to say that he wanted nothing to occur in the future to prevent the trial of the cases.

GENERAL WALKER, Superintendent of the Census of this year, believes the result will show the population of the country to be about forty-seven millions; that from facts already in his possession, there will be found to be a large increase of population in the Western States, particularly in Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota, and that the Southern States will also show an increase, especially Texas, Missouri, Tennessee and Alabama. According to his estimates, three Western and four Southern States will have an increase of representation in Congress, which, so far as the South is concerned, is not what the Republican leaders have all along been prophesying.

LAST TUESDAY was not the red letter day to Harrisburg which it has been for a period of time whereof the memory of the oldest inhabitant runneth not to the contrary. On that day, under the old order of things, the annual session of the Legislature began; but that event, so interesting and full of promise to the average legislative "rooster" from Philadelphia, as well as from other "sweatrists" in the State, must now be postponed for an entire year. In a pecuniary point of view this change will, of course, seriously affect the hotel-keepers of Harrisburg, as well as her people generally, but it is impossible to estimate the gain that will result from it to the taxpayers of the commonwealth.

WHEN Grant, in one of the most powerful speeches of his life, made to the members of a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic in Philadelphia during his recent visit to that city, said, "We have a country to fight for and to die for, if necessary," such Republican third term organs as the Johnstown *Tribune* assure their astonished readers that "there was an outburst of applause and cheers which shook the building from foundation to roof." This is indeed most wonderful, and, if true, is anything but complimentary to Grant's hearers. Precisely the same thing was said by the orators of ancient Greece and Rome, and is repeated in this country by every Fourth of July orator, as well as by innumerable speakers on Decoration day. It is looked for as a matter of course, and creates no surprise, but when Grant, "the greatest man the Almighty ever made," according to Tom Bigham, of Pittsburg, utters the same time-honored sentiment, men stand amazed, entranced, and brick buildings shake with wild applause from turret to foundation stone. Such is the magical power of a patriotic sentiment of the ancients when repeated by a man who made a voyage around the world, and who is now trying to get the American people to set aside the unwritten law of the Republic, established by Washington and reaffirmed by Jackson, by electing him to a third term of the Presidency.

CHARLES S. PARNELL, the American-Irish leader of the Irish people of to-day, arrived in New York last Friday morning, and met with an enthusiastic reception. He is accompanied by Mr. John Dillon, a young member of the Dublin bar, whose father, John Blake Dillon, a man of wealth and high standing—the associate and co-worker of Gavan Duffy, Thomas Davis, Smith O'Brien, Thomas F. Meagher, John Martin, Richard O'Gorman, now of New York, and a host of other gifted Irishmen, in the fall of 1848, after the dispersion of the band of patriotic spirits who inaugurated the abortive rising in Ireland in the summer of that year—made his escape on an emigrant vessel plying between Galway and New York in the disguise of a Catholic priest. He subsequently returned to his native country and became member of Parliament for the county Tipperary, dying in 1867. Messrs. Parnell and Dillon will remain in this country about six weeks, and will visit as many of the principal cities as their short stay will permit, for the purpose of explaining the land question, which is now the subject of so much agitation in Ireland. They will also receive donations for the relief of the poor in Ireland who are threatened with famine, and their high character is ample warrant that whatever funds are entrusted to their hands will be faithfully applied where they will do the most good.

THE most barefaced robbery that was ever perpetrated upon the State treasury was brought to light a couple of weeks ago at Harrisburg. The Legislature at its last session appointed a joint committee, consisting of five members of the House and three of the Senate, to investigate the subject of certain "missing State bonds," issued in 1853—a matter that was pretty well examined into and very largely discussed by the press before the meeting of the Legislature. Of this joint committee, Elisha W. Davis, a well known "rooster" from Philadelphia, was chairman, the equally well known Harry Huhn, an ex-member from the same city, acted as clerk, and Robert T. Graves, also from Philadelphia, and Sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, served the subpœnas on witnesses, etc. Up to the 6th of December last Davis, Huhn and Graves filed vouchers in the Auditor General's office, for expenses incurred by the committee, amounting to over $10,000. The hotel bills amount to about $5,000, and railroad expenses, including carriage hire, to about $2,000, although every man connected with the committee had a free pass. These fancy bills were made out by Huhn and Graves, and certified by Davis. The whole responsibility for this infamous swindle rests with the Legislature in taking from the Auditor General the power of examining the accounts—the general appropriation bill, strange as it may seem, containing a section requiring the Auditor General to pass the vouchers *upon the certificate by the chairman of the committee that they were correct*. What a sure thing Huhn, Graves and Davis had when it was only necessary for the two former to make out the bills, and then get Davis to certify to their correctness. How much of the amount filched from the treasury these three public plunderers divided among themselves, after paying the actual expenses of the committee, will of course never be known, but may be guessed at. It is a shameless swindle, and what makes it still worse, is that the men who perpetrated it will continue to live outside of the penitentiary.

DON CAMERON has put the third term machine in this State in complete running order. After a long interview with Grant at Harrisburg on Monday, December 15th, he directed the Chairman of the Republican State Committee to call that body together at Philadelphia on Tuesday, Dec. 30, to fix the time for holding the Republican State Convention to nominate a State ticket, and to elect delegates to the Chicago National Convention, which is to meet on the third of June. The State Committee met at the time and place designated by Cameron, and fixed upon the 4th of February as the time for holding the State Convention at Harrisburg—four months before the National Convention will assemble. At the meeting of the State Committee there were *thirty* substitutes, Quay representing Greene county, Lish Davis, fresh from the plunder of the bond investigating committee, representing Bradford county, Joe Souder appearing for Clarion, and so on. All this means that Cameron will send a Grant delegation from this State, or a delegation which he can control in favor of some other aspirant.—Blaine is undoubtedly the choice of three-fourths of the Pennsylvania Republicans, and they threaten to show Cameron, Quay & Co. that some things can be done as well as others. The game that Cameron is playing is certainly a bold and desperate one, and there is a possibility that he may not win. We are inclined, however, to believe that the son now owns the Republican party in this State as completely as his father ever did, and that the result at Harrisburg on the 4th day of February next will show such to be the case. We wish him perfect success, for we want to see Grant nominated in order that the American people may have a fair chance to bury his third term aspirations so deep that they can never be resurrected.

TWO THINGS relating to the Presidential election next November appear to be conceded, or at least are not seriously controverted. One is, that the electoral vote of New York is absolutely necessary to Democratic success, and the other is that Tammany Hall, under the lead of John Kelly, will defeat Mr. Tilden in that State, as it recently defeated Gov. Robinson, if Mr. Tilden should unfortunately be the Democratic candidate. It is not important to inquire *why* the Tammany Hall Democracy will play so treasonable a part, but merely to know that they never will support Mr. Tilden. Why is it, then, that there are some Democrats in this State, of standing and influence in the party, who are anxious for Mr. Tilden's nomination, and who will make an effort to have the delegates from this State to the national convention instructed in his favor? The only reason that we ever heard given why Mr. Tilden should be the candidate is, that he must be vindicated by again becoming the standard-bearer of his party. This reason would be entitled to great respect if Mr. Tilden was the same unobjectionable candidate *now* that he was four years ago; but as he confessedly is not, the vindication argument loses all its force. The Democracy cannot afford to try the experiment of vindicating Mr. Tilden on account of the stupendous fraud of which he was made the victim, when it is self-evident that the experiment would end in complete and disastrous failure. It is about time in our judgment that Mr. Tilden's name should cease to be discussed in this State as a candidate. His nomination would render the campaign a *defensive* one from the very start, ending in certain defeat, instead of an *aggressive* one under some other leader, with all the chances in favor of success.

THE Maine Legislature met on Wednesday, and both houses were organized by the Fusionists without any one being killed or even wounded, but of course against the protests of Blaine's Republican understrappers, who withdrew from the House and refused to take any part in the Senate. Governor Garcelon, on being notified that a quorum was present in each house, appeared and administered the oath of office to the members, and putting into their hands the opinion of the Supreme Court, as well as the claims of certain persons to seats, invoked their careful consideration of the same. And thus ends chapter first.

NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS.

—Wm. H. Vanderbilt gave about $25,000 in Christmas presents.

—Bishop Gilbert Haven, of the M. E. Church, Malden, Mass., on Saturday.

—Three boys were drowned while skating at Alliance, Ohio, on Thursday.

—Some persons sent Rev. Mr. Bloss, of Allegheny city, a coffin and a shroud for Christmas presents.

—The anthracite coal product last year was 5,000,000 tons in excess of any previous year.

—Buckwheat flour is recommended for giving the hair of horses a fine, smooth, brilliant appearance.

—Mr. J.-H. Philips, of Suffolk Park, near Philadelphia, is the owner of a hog that weighs 1,250 pounds.

—Governor Hoyt denies that he purposes calling an extra session of the Legislature to meet this winter.

—A man in Easton, Maine, last year harvested 10,000 bushels of potatoes from forty-five acres of ground.

—Ex-Senator Pomeroy, of Kansas, has a gold mine in North Carolina which pays him a thousand dollars a week.

—An explosion occurred at the Celluloid Works, Newark, N. J., on Monday, and four men were killed and two severely injured.

—The Renova *Record* estimates the total amount of lumber that will be floated from that point next spring at 14,000,000 feet.

—Four negroes, charged with murder, were taken from jail, at Amite, La., on Sunday night week, and shot dead by a mob of fifty lynchers.

—There is a boy living at Bendersville, Adams county, 12 years of age who eats regularly five times a day and is said to weigh 170 pounds.

—Miss Eckhart, a farmer's daughter, of State Centre, Iowa, pitched "eighty acres of wheat from wagon to stack," and was married a few hours afterward.

—A Hungarian wood chopper on the Blue Mountains, Berks county, was caught under a falling tree and held there three days before help reached him.

—A Jersey cow in Memphis has surprised her owner and the farmers thereabout by giving milk that made three pounds of butter from one gallon of milk. So the papers say.

—The twin brother of the late Michael C. Kerr, who at the time of his death was speaker of the National House of Representatives, is a Justice of the Peace near Breedtown, Crawford county.

—Finding a basket on her stoop, a cautious woman in Newport, R. I., took it to a police station, and was surprised to learn afterward that it contained a twenty-pound turkey and not a fondling.

—Father Schneider, a Catholic priest, taught school in Hereford township, Berks county, as long ago as 1743. The little hut in which he taught still stands and is the oldest school house in the country.

—James Wood, of Westchester county, N. Y., raised 3,000 bushels of turnips the past season on four acres of land, or at the rate of 800 bushels per acre. The *Country Gentleman* is authority for the statement.

—A one-legged man of Tallahatchie, Miss., rented 18 acres of land last year and gathered forty bales of cotton from it. His name is Thomas McKinney, ex-Treasurer of the county. He did nearly all the work himself.

—Mr. Samuel J. Moyer, of Pleasant Run, New Hanover township, Montgomery county, lost five children within fifteen days, by the dread scourge diphtheria. Of these little ones three were buried on Saturday, December 27th.

—Two men, named Woodruff and Seminole, the latter a half-breed Indian, who were charged with murder, were taken from the jail at Golden, Colorado, about one o'clock Friday morning, and lynched by a mob of 150 masked men.

—A story of a sea serpent that makes a loud whistling noise may be expected from the Pacific. An automatic bouy, which is made by the action of the waves to give out such a sound, has gone adrift from the mouth of San Francisco harbor.

—Turn Halle, in East Fourth street, New York, was partially destroyed by fire on Monday last, and four persons were either burned to death or suffocated, and four others were injured, one of whom, Rose Lang, died at a late hour Monday night.

—Mrs. B. O. Sullivan died in Tionesta township, Forest county, on Monday, from paralysis, brought on by trouble and exposure. Her husband deserted her not long since, and last week she was turned out for rent. She leaves three little children.

—On Monday, Mrs. Jane Dales, of Brownsville, entered an outbuilding that had not been used for some time. Her nephew, not knowing of her presence there, discharged a gun at the side of the building in practising at a mark, killing the unfortunate lady instantly.

—Bernard Shanley, a quarryman, was splitting a large rock near New Haven Conn., on Saturday, when it opened and he fell between the two pieces. They closed upon him from some unknown cause, and when they were pried apart he was so badly injured that he died in a few hours.

—A Democratic statesman in Iowa has a proposition for the settlement of the affair in Maine. He wants the Republicans to "call on Hayes to give up Mr. Tilden's office, and then let the members from Podunk, Shownuk, Nadawasky, Memphremagog and Mooshead take their seats."

—Sigismund Kauffman, who was the Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor of New York in 1870, has addressed a letter to the German voters of that State, in which he takes uncompromising ground against Grant's renomination for the Presidency, and counsels his German friends everywhere to resist it at all hazards.

—One day last week Edward Welsh, a lad of 16 years, was killed in a coal mine at Lonaconing, Md. When he was a babe in the cradle at the home of his parents, at Piedmont, W. Va., in 1864, that town was bombarded and a cannon ball, striking the crib, shattered one of his arms to pieces.

—A party of fiendish young men attempted to hang a young girl at Bear Gap recently. She was placed on a chair and a rope about her neck fastened to a beam. She was discovered by her sister and cut down alive, but her fright was so intense that she has been confined to bed from the effects of the shock.

—The Wilhelm will case, in Somerset county, has been settled, by which the Franklin and Marshall college and Theological Seminary of the Reformed church come into possession of about $80,000 in personal and real estate. Had the case come to court, lawyers and court officers would have realized handsomely, perhaps.

—A tramp asked for a meal at a residence in Columbus, Ohio. The head of the family said, "Get along, or I'll set the dog on you." Then the tramp bet that within five minutes he would be invited to eat of the best that the house afforded. He won, too, because he proved that he was a wandering son returned.

—The king and queen of Spain showed publicly the other day, while driving in Madrid, their devotion to their Church. They met a priest who was taking the last sacraments to a dying man, and alighting from their carriage the young pair lent it to the priest, following on foot amid the acclamations of the people.

—John J. Woodman, of West Nottingham, N. H., has a sow just 19 months old, that measures 8 feet, 3½ inches in length, 2 feet across the shoulders and hips, and 3 feet, 5½ inches deep, girthing 6 feet 10½ inches. This mammoth specimen is of the Chester White breed with the old-fashioned lop ear.

—A dispatch from Massillion, O., says that Judge Meyer has overruled the motions for a new trial, and sentenced Gustave Ohr and George Mann to be hanged May 7. They are boys seventeen years, and were convicted of the murder of John Wattmaugh, of Philadelphia, in August last, at Alliance, O.

—The new organ started under the protection and at the initiative of Pope Leo XIII. appeared at Rome on New Year's day. It is called the *Aurora*. It proposes to defend the liberty of the Holy See, to combat error, to respect persons and to maintain justice and right. It is said to have secured already 5,000 subscribers.

—A writer in the Bismarck (Dakota) *Tribune* argues that railroads and their operations are among the greatest sources of increased rain-fall in countries reported arid; and expresses the opinion that they have already changed the climate along the Northern Pacific Railroad, and that the same effect will follow railroad construction everywhere in the Northwest.

—Two young Americans, George Green, of Texas, and Frank Senter, of Boston, were in a mail coach recently, near Guanajuato, Mexico, when it was attacked by a band of 30 robbers, armed with Winchester rifles. The young men fought the whole band, killing five and wounding several, and compelling the remainder to retreat. Mr. Green was slightly wounded.

—The West Chester (Pa.) *Local News* says: "We were informed by a gentleman on Saturday that a sow belonging to a gentleman named McCauley, living in East Brandywine, on the farm previously owned by the late William Paxson, has give birth to a litter of pigs, one of which is red, white and blue, and is the largest one of the lot. We would term this a patriotic pig."

—John and Caples Burgess, brothers, had a violent quarrel at Camden Point, Mo., three years ago, and their mother fearing that Caples would carry out a threat of murder, induced John to find a new home at a distance. John made a visit at Camden, a few days ago, for the purpose of a reconciliation, but he prudently took along a revolver. Thus, when Caples fired at him on sight, he was able to shoot his assailant dead.

—Christopher Ludwig Lawrence, who died in Williamsport the other day, was a man with a record. He was a soldier under Napoleon, and was captured in Wilne while on the expedition to Moscow. There he joined the Prussians, and fought with them at Leipsic and at Waterloo. He came to this country in 1836, and had lived in Williamsport for forty-two years, during thirty-eight of which he had belonged to the Evangelical Church.

—The Glen's Falls (N. Y.) *Republican* says there is a remarkable well in the town of Thurman, situated along what is known as the "river road." The well is about 34 feet in diameter at the top, and its depth has never been ascertained. It has been sounded 555 feet without reaching the bottom. The water is clear and cold, and the well is always full. It was first discovered about ninety years ago, and its sides were then walled up with stones, as they appear at the present time.

—The Supreme Court of the United States, we see it is stated, has recently decided that a mortgage held in one State by a citizen of another State, is taxable in the place where the creditor resides. It has also decided that the Federal Government had no control over the action of the State in the taxing of such property. This decision settles the question of the right of a State to tax mortgages outside of the State, on the ground that the real location of the debt is the home of the creditor, the land being simply security.

—Mr. J. J. King, farmer on the place of I. P. Thomas, at Cheyney Shops, says the West Chester *Jeffersonian*, has an ear of corn raised by him during the past season which is quite a curiosity. The ear has upon it three different varieties of corn; the larger portion consists of the common yellow corn, then a circle of very small grain known as popcorn, after this a circle of sugar corn, and is topped out with yellow corn again. Those who have seen it speak of it as being the most singularly mixed of any corn that ever has been brought to their notice.

—Edward Curley, Mollie Maguire of Columbia county, charged with the murder of John Gunning, an old man in Centralia, on Sunday surrendered to the authorities, and was committed to the Bloomsburg jail. Curley is expected to turn State's evidence and expose the participants in a number of murders committed in the vicinity of Centralia, the scene of many tragedies during the reign of Mollie Maguires. At Curley's hearing on Monday Michael Brogan, who recently married a daughter of Gunning, attempted to shoot him. The town is very much agitated.

—The Pennsylvania State training school contains an idiot boy with a wonderful memory. So remarkable are his powers of memory that after listening to a sermon or other discourse he is able to repeat it vebatim, preserving, also, the intonations of the speaker. As a test of this singular faculty the lad was once taken to Media to attend a lecture upon some scientific matter, and the next day was asked to repeat it. To the astonishment of all he readily repeated the entire lecture, rendering Latin phrases and technicalities as glibly as the vernacular.

EXPOSITION OF 1876.—Wandering through the United States section of this truly wonderful Exhibition, hyperornamented and over-displayed as the most of it is, I came upon the elegant glass case, whose modesty was the more conspicuous from its neighbors' finery, surmounted by the motto *Dignis Proemia* and displaying, in neat packages, the medical preparations of DR. J. C. AYER & Co., Lowell, Mass.

I was not aware of the world-wide reputation of this eminent firm, for the character and quality of their goods, and remember well their agents in London Messrs. NEWBERRY, in St. Paul's Churchyard. Having a leisure hour, I determined to examine the contents of this case, myself, and I was surprised to see the delicate perfection to which they have brought their household remedies. I was chagrined at the reflection that, while we have at home the most skilful and, pre-eminently, the best physicians in the world, these Yankee doctors distance us so far in the line of popular medicines for family use. They have the sharpness to take advantage of the high scientific discoveries among us and make pills and potions as palatable as they are salutary. I was told by a leading druggist in Philadelphia, that DR. AYER's manufactory was the largest in America, giving employment to hundreds. I must go to Lowell and see it, on my way home.—*Correspondence of the London (Eng.) Telegraph.*

CONSUMPTION CURED.—An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure for Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French, or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. W. SHERAR, 149 *Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.* [12-19.-3m.]

NO MORE HARD TIMES.—If you will stop spending so much on fine clothes, rich food and style, buy good, healthy food, cheaper and better clothing; get more real and substantial things of life every way, and especially stop the foolish habit of employing expensive quack doctors, or using so much of the vile humbug medicine that does you only harm, but put your trust in that simple, pure remedy, Hop Bitters, that cures always at a trifling cost, and you will see good times and have good health. See another column.

THE THIRD TERM ANALYZED.

The third term project, which is now being engineered by Don Cameron, Matthew S. Quay, and their henchmen, in this State, and by the members of the old corrupt Grant ring all over the North, has never been more thoroughly exposed than by Parke Godwin, a well known Republican politician of New York, who, in a recent interview with a reporter of the Philadelphia *Press*, unbosomed himself as follows:

"I am out of politics, and have been for some time. There is no use in discussing Grant's character as a soldier or as a man at this time. It is not in dispute. But his character as a statesman is seriously in dispute, and will be more so should he consent to become a candidate for re-election to the Presidency. I am opposed to him as a candidate and shall be. My opposition arises from the love of my country. Grant made a bad President during his first term. He made a worse one during his second term. There is the reason why he would not prove still worse, if that were possible, should he get to be President a third time. Grant was never chosen by the nominating conventions because he was universally regarded as qualified for the office; not at all.... The reasons that actuated the politicians were base and selfish. They were not even complimentary to Grant. To push a man forward for a great office merely because he is available is to use his record for a false purpose. It is the false pretence of politics. . . .

"The reason why the people elected Grant the first time were based on gratitude. Such reasons are seldom the reasons of statesmanship, and they are seldom called out and played upon in such a great emergency as the election of an American President, except by demagogues. No man ought ever succeed in reaching the Presidency of a country like this unless he has well proven himself worthy of the position. He should be called upon for such work as he will be called upon to do in that office. There is every reason why the statesman should be President. There is every reason why the people should be progressively promoted through the grades. But there is not one why he should be promoted out of them.

"In this country no politician or soldier can step out from the ranks and wage any personal war, like ambitious soldiers have been able to do in every other country in the world. Here the army is no personal property, and can become no man's clan. The President, by and with the consent of Congress, both depending on popular suffrage, calls the army into motion and controls its leaders. If the safety of the present arrangement shall ever be disturbed it seems that the disturbance will be brought about by discontinuing the election of statesmen to the Presidency, and placing there in their stead men whose only qualifications are military. Why should the Presidency of this Republic be considered a thing to *reward* men with? It is the greatest and most powerful office in the world, the highest and most honorable. To acquire it is to be the chosen man of 45,000,000 of free people. There never was a distinction like that. Why make it a bauble of this great thing? Why make it a confection of it? When can any living man do to deserve such a gift as a reward? The presidency was created to be *filled*. It was not designed to be worn as a jewel to emanate the achievements of any human being. That man never lived worthy to wear, as a personal prize about his small neck, the Presidency of the United States, and the office is a public trust, a station wherein the business of the American people is to be directed, and their business as a nation is to them about the most serious and important thing in the world. No man is fitted to be placed in that august station except the one best qualified for that work. And, no matter who he is, or what his achievements, or what his deserts, it should be impossible for him to be placed there for any other reason than that of being best qualified for Presidential work.

"Now, then, what sufficient reason is there for renominating Grant? What reason of any kind is there? Why is the matter talked about? Why should it be even mentioned? Since he was unwisely elected because as General of the Union armies he put down the rebellion, are we to understand that eight years of the American Presidency was not a sufficient expression of gratitude, even if lifted and bounded off by four more years? Upon such a precedent, the business of instigating seditions, for the purpose of earning the reward of putting them down, could be developed among ambitious soldiers. What an insult to the American people Grant would offer by accepting a nomination on such terms. Is any man so necessary to these United States, that they must inevitably turn to him for government? What unparalleled audacity it would be in Grant to say that to the people by running again. Even if the people, in a moment of insanity, should nominate him, and conveyed their supposition to him in the tender of a third term, what then? If Grant were a true statesman he would attempt to convince the people of their mistake. If he were a demagogue he would encourage his conceit to stifle his reason and take the place, and a disposition to do the latter is proof that the man is not a sincere man, but a real hypocrite. Shall we go down to history as having reached so deplorable a political poverty, so degraded a state of national mendicancy, that among this vast free people we cannot find a competent governor without for the third time taking from the army the man in it who knows least about politics, and whose previous trials proved such dismal failure, and from whom their disgrace almost buried out of sight the greatest, most patriotic and the most powerful political party that ever existed?"

"Do you believe Grant desires a renomination?"

"Of course he does."

"Why do you think he does?"

"Because, if he didn't, he would long ago have said he didn't. He has not been quite honorable of him to accept all these ovations and allow them to be turned to his political account. If he is after the renomination and had allowed the truth to be known he would have met silent contempt instead of public feasting."

"Do you think he will get the nomination?"

"It is impossible to say. One thing I am convinced of is, if he won't accept the nomination unless he is persuaded that it results from a unanimous public desire for his re-election. To get it under such circumstances would be a mere travesty beyond comparison, and would make him feel sure of the consequences. Part of his desire in this respect probably arises from patriotism, but most of it certainly arises from personal vanity that dares not compromise itself by taking any risks."

"Do you believe there is any general desire for Grant's renomination?"

"I believe there is not. I believe the desire for such a thing is quite limited, and that it is liveliest among those demagogues who would like to use Grant. These may desire him, and he, believing that the great public wish his renomination, might be induced to take it."

"What would be the result?"

"Grant would be overwhelmingly defeated.—The people would bury him as a politician out of sight. They would not stand the impudence, the audacious impudence of the movement, and would put a stop to the humiliation."

"Who would vote against Grant?"

"All the independent and liberal Republicans would. The Democrats would be solid against him. Grant's election is the greatest danger to the State in the affairs of his country, and who respects himself with an intelligent respect, would vote against him. He would be supported by leaders and followers for the purpose of using the national affairs of this country, if it were possible for them to attain that, would be not only undesirable, but, in fact, disgraceful."

Terrible Railroad Accident in Scotland.

On Sunday night, Dec. 28th, a passenger train from Edenburg, Scotland, while crossing the bridge over the Firth of Tay, was precipitated into the water, dropping a distance of eighty-eight feet into the firth, which at that point is over forty feet deep. The accident was caused by the falling of a portion of the bridge, caused by a heavy gale a short time before the ill-fated train came along. There were about three hundred passengers on the train in addition to the employes of the road. Not a soul escaped. The bridge was first opened for travel in May, 1878. It was about two miles long and consisted of eighty-five spans, the widest of which was two hundred and forty-five feet. We gather the following particulars of the accident from telegrams received from Dundee, Scotland, by the daily press:

"The appalling catastrophe of last evening has thrown the city into a state of frantic excitement, and the neighborhood of the fatal bridge is thronged with horror stricken visitors. Not a soul escaped who was on the ill fated train. The gallant and Hon. Thomas Bouch, chairman, and president of the North British Railway of Dundee, and Station Master Smith, in venturing out on the bridge, is highly commended. In spite of the fury of the gale which rendered the attempt doubly perilous, after tremendous exertions, their hands lacerated by clinging to the rails for dear life, they reached the edge of the fatal gap. Here they discovered that thirteen girders, each 245 feet long and weighing 200 tons, all forming a kind of tunnel in the middle of the bridge, had been washed away and nothing remained but the bare iron piers. About one-third of the whole structure had vanished. Thirteen brickwork stumps were to be seen in the midst of the waves. It is positively asserted that three hundred and fifteen people are lost."

Another special despatch says:

"The things of the disaster were first conveyed by a gentleman who had left his house with a friend who's the southwest gate was blowing with all its fury. They began discussing whether, on such a night, the Edinburgh train would venture across the bridge. They then went to a telegraph signal box situated at the north end of the bridge, where they found a number of men anxiously awaiting information from the south. Some of them asserted that they had seen the lights of the train in question enter on the bridge and cross the lower spans on the high girders; then they saw a sudden shower of fire which, with the lights of the train, seemed to descend with great velocity into the river; then perfect darkness followed.—Minute by minute passed, but no sight of the lost train were to be seen, and the people asked themselves, 'Were these really the lights of the Edinburgh train they had seen so suddenly quenched?' The horror-stricken beholder made vehement appeals to the signal man to ascertain the truth. He replied that all he knew of the matter was that the train had been signaled to him from the south end of the bridge at nine minutes past 7 o'clock. Discovering no indications of the approach of the train, the alarmed signal man endeavored to telegraph to the south end of the bridge, but the communication had ceased."

Only one body, terribly mutilated, has been recovered at latest accounts.

WAGES TO BE ADVANCED.—The financial editor of the Philadelphia *Ledger* says:

We are gratified to note, as another proof of the improving condition of our business interests, that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company proposes in the early spring to advance the wages of its employes. When it is remembered that the panic of 1873 forced upon our different corporations a systematic reduction of the compensation of all employes, it is evident that there can be no more striking proof of a turn in the tide than the fact that a company controlling over 7000 miles of railroad now inaugurates a general advance of wages. Such action on the part of the managers of one of our large corporations must serve to strengthen and perpetuate the kindliest relations between employer and employes, as it assures the latter that those who are in a position to do so will take an equal care the interests of the stockholders and those of the men under their control. Concessions in rates that were absolutely necessary to keep the manufacturing establishments of our State in operation during the depression of the last six years have prevented the railroads from realizing, until this time, any considerable increase in their net revenue. But it is believed that the business of the winter months will show greatly improved returns, and enable the policy above indicated to be pursued with entire justice to all interests.

JOHN WANAMAKER.

The Trenton State *Gazette* furnishes the following readable sketch of Mr. John Wanamaker, the great Philadelphia merchant, who is well known to fame, and we might add to fortune, as one of the most enterprising business men and certainly the most liberal and intelligent advertiser, to say nothing of his great philanthropy, this country has ever produced:

Take him for all in all, JOHN WANAMAKER is the most enterprising and successful business man of Philadelphia. He has done more to advance its commercial interests, to throng its streets with strangers, to extend its repute. He is an embodiment of the best and highest ideal of American commercial enterprise, of that far-seeing sagacity, courage and dash which have made our merchant princes the wonder and admiration of the slow-going business magnates of the Old World. Nor is his integrity and fairness less conspicuous than his activity and pluck. JOHN WANAMAKER is a quiet-mannered young gentleman—he is only forty-one—of modest and unassuming demeanor; but his eye is full of latent power, and his whole being is instinct with measureless energy, under the control of a cool head and resolute will. Nothing less than these qualities in their highest perfection could build up and successfully manage the largest retail business on the American continent. In his three stores—the Grand Depot, running from Chestnut to Market and from Thirteenth to Juniper; the magnificent clothing establishment in Chestnut street, and the great and well-known Oak Hall Clothing House on Market and Sixth streets—Mr. WANAMAKER has over *four acres* of flooring, exhibiting the products of the industry and art of the whole civilized world. The largest and most imposing and interesting is the Grand Depot.—Here our readers should call when they visit Philadelphia to go through this wonderful emporium. It approaches, in variety of display, in the almost endless groupings of beautiful objects, in the magnificence of space, and in the moving throngs of interested, the Centennial Exhibition itself. It would be equally difficult to name the articles displayed or not to be found here. Indeed, easiest it would be the former, the latter would be a harder task. There are over *four acres* of exhibits in this wonderful store. Beside this impressive space, and this bewildering stock of goods, the far-famed Macy's, in New York, sinks into complete insignificance. Outside of the Main Building, during the Centennial Exhibition, nothing equal to it has ever been seen in this country. The particular feature of this great store, which makes it so attractive to visitors, is the fact that it extends on one floor over so enormous an area, and the admirable and convenient arrangement of the counters and shelves.—Nearly one-half the whole floor space, commencing well toward the Chestnut street entrance, is occupied by counters sweeping in six great circles round a common center, each succeeding circle larger than the last. Back of the counters are neat show-cases in and on which the goods are tastefully arranged. The counters are cut into segments of circles by numerous aisles and passages, while broader circular passages run between them; and down through the middle runs a wider aisle from extremity to extremity of the floor. In the centre of this network of segment counters, if we may be allowed to coin an expression, stands, as an island, a huge circular, counter-like structure, around which runs a counter in a perfect circle.—This gives a finish to the whole. Beyond, towards Market Street, the body of the floor is covered with rectangular counters, and the remaining area at the sides and elsewhere is countered as best suits the space and the goods to be displayed. Extensive galleries have been added on each of the four sides; some of them used as salesrooms, and others for manufacturing purposes.—To stand in the lunch gallery, at the middle entrance on Chestnut street, and look over these acres of rich merchandise, the moving throngs of thousands of busy purchasers, and the activity and bustle of the thousand clerks, is well worth a visit to Philadelphia, to behold. It presents a scene of extraordinary and almost exciting attractiveness. When the vast establishment is illuminated in the evening with the brilliant electric light, and the throngs are larger, the scene is still more beautiful and stirring.

MR. WANAMAKER has built up this great business on a basis of liberality, and despite envy and opposition of envious rivals. This idea was that small profits and quick sales, strictly honorable dealing, a uniform and absolutely impartial courtesy to all, rich and poor alike, and liberal advertising, would benefit the community and pay him. He advertises in over three hundred newspapers, expending therefor $70,000 a year; sells good articles for the smallest possible profit instantly discharges a clerk who is attentive and obsequious to a rich customer to the neglect of a poor one.—This idea has made him one of the richest men in Philadelphia, has conferred the boon of contentment upon tens of thousands of families, and spread far and wide the reputation of Philadelphia as a place for cheap buying and honorable dealing.

Railroad Horrors.

SOME OF THE MOST NOTABLE IN HISTORY.

In the whole sad history of railway disasters, says the Philadelphia *Telegraph* of the 31st, there is none on record, we believe, where the loss exceeded that on the Tay in Scotland, on Sunday night, except in Russia. In September, 1875, an accident occurred on the road between Woronesch and Nostoff at the point where it crosses the river Don. On that occasion seven railway wagons which were crossing the Don went down, and nearly 400 lives were lost. The victims were Akchasian prisoners who were being transported to Siberia, and as they were confined together according to the custom, not one of them escaped death. Below we give a brief summary of the loss of life attending some of the most fatal railway accidents on record:

On May 8, 1842, at Versailles, France, 55 persons perished and more than 40 others were injured by the breaking of an axle.

On May 8, 1850, at Norwalk, Conn., 46 were killed and 30 severely injured by a train plunging through an open drawbridge.

In October, 1854, near Detroit, 47 were killed and 60 injured by a collision with a gravel train which threw the passenger train down an embankment.

On July 17, 1856, at Camnhill, on the North Pennsylvania railroad, about 12 miles from this city, 65 Sunday-school children on a picnic excursion were killed and over 100 were injured, by collision with an express train. The conductor of the excursion train committed suicide when the result of his carelessness became known.

On March 17, 1857, at the crossing over the Des Jardins Canal, near Hamilton, Canada, 60 lives were lost by the locomotive being thrown from the track upon the timbers of the bridge, the whole train being dragged through the broken structure to the ice 60 feet below, and through that to the bed of the canal 15 feet further down.

On December 17, 1857, near Angola Station, Ohio, 7 were killed and 20 injured by the snapping of a rail by train which sent the train over an embankment 50 feet high.

In June, 1868, near Port Jervis, New York, 24 were killed and 70 injured by a broken rail throwing a train down a steep declivity, jarged with rocks and bowlders, a distance of 80 feet.

On August 30, 1868, at Abergele, England, 30 were burned beyond recognition.

On June 21, 1870, at Claybridge Lane, England, 18 were killed and more than 50 injured by a collision caused by a broken rail.

On February 8, 1871, near New Hamburg, New York, 27 were killed and a large number injured by a collision on the bridge over Wappinger's creek.

On August 29, 1871, at Revere, Mass., 29 were killed and 57 injured by a collision.

On September 10, 1874, at Thorpe, England, 20 were killed and 50 injured by a collision.

On December 29, 1875, at Shipton-on-Cherwell, England, 34 were killed and 60 injured by the breaking of a tire.

On March 17, 1876, near Odessa, Russia, 60 conscripts were killed and 84 injured by a train running down an embankment and catching fire.

On March 17, 1876, near Batterbach, France, over 20 lives were lost by a train falling into the river Ill by the bridge being undermined by a flood.

On December 29, 1871, near Ashtabula, Ohio, 75 persons were burned, drowned or frozen to death, and a number of others injured by a train plunging through an insecure bridge to a frozen stream 60 feet below.

On August 29, 1877, near Des Moines, Iowa, 20 were killed and about 40 injured by a train plunging into a stream through a washed out culvert and bridge.

On October 4, 1877, near Phœnixville, Pa., 12 were killed and 30 injured by a train on the Pickering Valley road being thrown down an embankment forty feet high.

On January 15, 1878, at Tariffville, Conn., 13 were killed and about 40 injured by a train breaking through a trestle bridge.

On August 6, 1878, near Steubenville, Ohio, 15 were killed and 50 injured by a collision with a freight train.

On October 8, 1878, at Wollaston, near Quincy, Mass., 29

Cambria Freeman.

EBENSBURG, PA.,

FRIDAY MORNING. - JAN. 9, 1880.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

During the coming year we propose not only making the FREEMAN a better paper than ever before, but we announce to-day such special inducements to all new subscribers, as well as to old friends in arrears, who will pay up to date, as will, we think, and certainly ought to, make the FREEMAN a regular and indispensable visitor to every family in the country. This inducement is no less than a copy of our own paper and the Pittsburg Weekly Dispatch throughout the whole twelve months in the year 1880, both for the very moderate sum of $2.95. The Dispatch for 1880 will be one of the ablest journals in the country, full of the freshest and best intelligence from all parts of the world, including all the associated press and exclusive telegrams from a large corps of correspondents at the National and State capitals, and in all the leading cities and towns of Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Virginia, &c.—Pittsburg reports will be a specialty. On the money question, during this other has ever yet been made in this part of the State, and it will enable its subscribers to the FREEMAN to procure almost as much reading matter as a daily journal which, at all times newsy and interesting, will be particularly so during the important year 1880—a year sure to be doubly agitated by the Presidential campaign and possible revival. Send in your names at once.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

MEETING OF COUNTY COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Democratic Committee of Cambria county is requested to meet at the Court House, in Ebensburg, on *Tuesday, January 27, at 1 o'clock, P. M.*, for the purpose of attendance to business which will be laid before the Committee.

WM. H. SECHLER,
Chairman.

Ebensburg, Jan. 9, 1880.

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[illegible] Johnson, Allegheny—Jos. Tumbleson, Barry—Henry Kronebucher, Blacklick—Jas. Cameron, Bor.—Mich'l Sweeney, Cambria—Chas. Hall, Carrolltown—Jas. Murray, Carroll—James J. Thomas, Chest—John Rose, Clearfield—James E. Gillespie, Chest Twp—Joseph Hipsch, Chest Springs—Jas. Scanlon, Conemaugh Twp.—Henry Hoffman, Conemaugh Bor.—Herman Baumer, Croyle—2d ward: Coopersdale—Jos. Kinkead; 3d ward: Cresson—Thos. McCabe; Conemaugh—Thos. McCabe. Ebensburg—1st ward: J. J. Riley; East ward: I. C. Parrish. Ebensburg Bor.—Francis Vahrner, Franklin—Isaac Hamilton. Gallitzin Twp.—Rich'd Ivory. Hastings Bor.—T. J. Fleming. Jackson—Jas. Johnston. Johnstown—John Hannan, 1st ward; James King, 2d ward; Michael Gallagher, 3d ward; Michael Shea, 4th ward; Loretto—Joseph Hunting. Lower Yoder—John Saxton, 1st ward; Patrick Gallagher, 2d ward. Munster—Wm. Cassidy. Portage—Thos. Prospect. Reade—Wm. Cole. Stonycreek—Jas. Schell. Summerhill—Philip A. Skelly. Susquehanna—Thos. Flanagan. Upper Yoder—James B. Clark. Taylorhill—Wm. Washington—Christian Rose. Westmoreland—Christopher Walters. Wilmore—P. Woodvale—Geo. W. Koch. Upper Yoder—Jas. Gardner. Lower Yoder—Jas. Gardner.

BEER THERE AND THE OTHER PLACE.

Beer, rank, terrible rain,
Is never to see the sunlight again?
Mcdonald & Co., Loretto, want 1,000 bushels of good dried apples.

Mcdonald & Co., of Loretto, are selling their entire stock of goods at cost.

The "Standard Pioneer Life," No 10, came to hand in due season, and is chock full of its length, for our present reading.

Mcdonald & Co., pay half cash for good wool and eggs at their cheap store in Loretto.

Wagnall & Co keep all kinds of patent medicines, such as cough syrups, liniments, &c.

Fine peaches are reported as being very plenty in the neighborhood of Johnstown now.

The Pittsburg *Daily Dispatch* is in a measure one of the necessaries of life in Western Pennsylvania. Eastern Ohio and West Virginia.

"Put up your cough in the bud," said Mrs. Brierley, to her husband, when he was taken with a cough. "Dr. Sellers' Cough Syrup." Lose no time in getting a bottle.

Nothing makes a man, woman, or child sooner shed a tickling sensation in the throat than "Dr. Sellers' Cough Syrup."

Tickets for both the CHICAGO WEEKLY NEWS and the FREEMAN for one dollar per year. Send subscriptions to this office.

Mr. Coldsnicker in this place exchanged his residence a few days ago for the same in Johnstown. And he didn't get much for it, either.

Many valuable buildings were built in Ebensburg during the past year, but we don't feel much consolation from that fact on that account.

Considerable consternation from "Dewl Aberdeen" and similar rebellion from an Allegheny mule of necessity take a back seat when a reliable friend always at hand."

Dr. Hall's Cough Syrup has eminently proved its worth. Thousands of testimonials. Price 25 cents.

The building association has been organized at Gallitzin. May success attend it.

Several are talking a few shares if newspaper reports are to be relied upon.

We are glad to learn that Esquire Conrad, of Summitville, has nearly wholly recovered from the stroke of apoplexy which he had a couple of months since.

Mr. Henry Goldsbine, of Johnstown, has received a commission as Notary Public, and will attend to the duties of the office in the following, aged about 50 years.

Mrs. Miller, of the wife of Mr. William Miller, P. R. ticket agent at Cresson, died at the residence in East Liberty, Allegheny county, last week. His name was Susan.

Those troubled with those remedies containing Mercury, Iodide of Potash, etc., but when the Blood is impure, should use Hall's Blood Purifier, which will at once relieve and cure. Hall's Baby Syrup—perfectly harmless and always reliable. Price only 25 cents.

Mr. Thomas Davis, E. A. Shoemaker, Esq., and Mr. Jones, all of Savannah, Georgia, are enjoying the balmy breezes of that clime, and we trust recuperating his health.

Mr. Thomas Hart-Barter occurred in Johnstown the day before Christmas, Rev. Father Cuddy, of Johnstown, officiating. Mr. J. M.) cemented Mr. Barter and Miss Alice Barter in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Mr. Lewis James M. Jenkins, recently of this place, but now of Jackson township, this county, has resigned the position of Quartermaster of the Fifth Regiment, N. G. P., and his resignation has been accepted.

It is said that Mr. John Lynch, of Johnstown, has announced himself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Prothonotary, and there is no doubt but there are few if any more deserving men in the county than John.

Mr. Jacob Berlinger, aged 56 years, of Millville, Cambria county, jumped once too often from a moving train, not many days ago, and in so doing had one of his feet run over and so horribly mangled that they had to be amputated.

The tastefully decorated Christmas residence of Mr. Tom L. Mellon, and his accomplished wife and two children, was the centre of attraction at that handsome residence during the recent holidays.

The campaign year of 1880, about which the Pittsburg *Weekly Dispatch* will print the latest and fairest reports of what is being done in political circles, be a compendium of the occurrences of the year.

Mr. Jacob Hoffman, manufacturer over in Somerset county, is willing to take it up with a dollar wager, that he has a man living who can make more cigars in one day or year than anybody else in the world.

The children of Mr. Evan Michaels, residing in the West Ward, are said to be afflicted with diphtheria, and yet no person have interviewed on the subject have been able to tell whether the story is true or false.

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—Congressman Coffroth has placed us under renewed obligations for two handsomely bound copies of Part 1 and part 2 of Volume 9 of the Congressional Record for the 1st Session of the 46th Congress, with an elegant index thereto, bound in the same serviceable style. Many thanks.

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—Recorder Lake was called upon while in Johnstown not a great while ago to probate the will of a man who is still living, and who was present at the time in very fair health considering his age. Of course the thing couldn't be done, notwithstanding the urgent solicitation and apparent surprise and indignation of the parties interested.

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—The name of Col. Theodore Burchfield, foreman of the *Tribune* job room, is mentioned in connection with the Republican nomination for Mayor of Altoona. The Colonel is an excellent printer and a clever gentleman and if he should happen to be nominated we hope his Democratic opponent will let him down as tenderly as possible.

—John Cunningham, an employe at the Wire Rod Mill of the Cambria Works, was caught about the thighs by a loop of red hot iron, at an early hour on Saturday morning last, and just as his fellow employes expected to see him cut in two, the "housings" broke and the imperilled man was saved, though not without some very painful burns.

—The value of being fully acquainted with all the important news of the day is as apparent to every thinking man as the entertainment afforded at the family fireside. This can be secured in such full degree by subscribing to our paper and receiving the Pittsburg *Weekly Dispatch* for the year 1880, that all should take advantage of the offer.

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LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

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EBENSBURG, Jan. 6, 1880.

DEAR FREEMAN:—If you have not already been amply provided with reports of the late Cambria County Teachers' Institute, held in Johnstown, a few words from me may not be amiss.

Although the weather was very disagreeable, the Institute opened on Monday, 29th ult., with quite a large attendance. The assemblage was called to order by Sup't Boyle, after which the following officers were elected: President, Prof. H. Berg; Vice Presidents, G. E. Marsden, A. S. Brubaker; Recording Secretary, A. Ashton; Assistant Secretary, W. H. McMullin; Corresponding Secretary, Lewis Strayer; Enrolling Secretaries, F. S. Maloy, Jos. Farbaugh.

On motion, the membership fee was made fifty cents. A recess of half an hour was then given, during which the teachers present were enrolled.

Upon again coming to order, the Institute was addressed by Dr. Kirkwood, of Ohio, on "Methods of Teaching," during which address he laid down four fundamental rules to be observed in teaching: 1st. The simple before the concrete. 2nd. The near before the remote. 3d. The concrete before the abstract. 4th. Processes before rules. His address was replete with practical ideas.

Prof. Fair, of the Indiana Normal School, then delivered a short address upon the importance of the teacher's profession, as also the importance of the right person in the right place. Amongst other interesting matter he spoke of the following fact—that of a teacher at West Point, whose idea of teaching seemed to be that of confusing and embarrassing the pupil to such a degree that he was unable to tell what he did know. The speaker was gratified to add that such teachers are rare in our common schools nowadays.

The evening session was held in Union Hall, and opened with vocal music by the girls of Mr. M'Feeters' school. Miss Jenkins, a teacher in Millville—Mostly, recited, with great feeling, "Willie and Annie's Prayer." Another song, by the same class, and a recitation by Miss Lizzie Hughes, of Johnstown, "Searching for the Magic Flute." The orator of the evening Prof. Wallace Brace, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was then introduced, and entertained the audience with his lecture on "Robert Burns." Mr. Brace seemed perfectly at home on the idioms of the Scotch language, and his rendering of "Tam o' Shanter" was inimitable.

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N. C.

THE DRAMA IN LORETTO.

DEAR FREEMAN:—On Monday evening, Dec. 29th, the "Newman Literary and Dramatic Society" gave a public entertainment to a large and appreciative audience, clerical and lay, in the Exhibition Hall of St. Francis' College, Loretto. The hall was overcrowded. The entertainment began with an address of welcome by one of the young students of St. Francis' College, followed by songs and recitations alternately; after which a comedy in two acts, entitled "Out on a Lark," was presented. In the rendering of this comedy the characters were most adequately sustained. Mr. Wm. Phelan represented "Hugh Winslow," a rich, eccentric old bachelor, to perfection, while Mr. Geo. Kaylor personated his clerk, an honest, upright and skilled servant. Nothing could illustrate the genius of the negro more forcibly than the manner in which they rendered the first act, wherein the merchant tried to win over his clerk by blandishment and "rose of pay" to testify falsely in the case of a defendant, which he refused to do and was peremptorily dismissed. The wicked master laid a snare for said clerk (Charles Otto) by placing the pocket-book, which he (Winslow) had dishonest (admirably represented by Mr. Edward Glass), to slip a watch and chain into the dismissed clerk's pocket, which feat was effected, and Winslow arranging to have the clerk arrested for him for theft. This being done, two police officers, Thompson and Quirke, represented in good style by Messrs. Joseph Hipsch and Jas. Hughes, arrested the clerk and found the watch in his possession. The most amusing character in the play was Solon Shingle, a teamster, so well rendered by Mr. A. M. Callen. Solon appeared in a most entertaining manner, just arrival from the country with his team and "slightly under the influence," which latter fact he informed the Court Officers of, of which he knew nothing. This young gentleman is certainly an adept on the stage. Then came the trial, the Judge being represented by Master Ralph and the jury by Messrs. Wm. Kaylor and Leroy. The prosecuting attorney, Trapper, (Mr. Kuhn and Clerk of the Court by Mr. William Leroy. The prosecuting attorney, Trapper, (Mr. Kuhn and Clerk of the Court by Mr. William Leroy. The prosecuting attorney, Trapper, (Mr. Kuhn and Clerk of the Court by Mr. William

After a recitation by a boy whose name I could not catch, and music by a class of girls, Professor Lavers conducted a class on "Language Lessons." Prof. Houck gave class drills in Geography and Arithmetic, and Dr. Kirkwood delivered an excellent address on "Self-control."

Wednesday afternoon (always known in Teachers' Institutes as Directors' session, and although there were not very many present, they were ably represented by the boys and girls of the district. Addresses were also delivered by Dr. Kirkwood and Prof. Fair.

The evening session opened by Prof. Fair in a very neatly turned New Year's greeting. The same gentleman then gave us a lesson on the metric system, which will doubtless soon be the recognized system of the United States. Supt. Boyle followed.

Prof. Montgomery, of Millersville Normal School, spoke next on "Industrial Drawing," which subject is a special hobby with him. The result of the election of a committee on Permanent certificates was announced, as follows:

A STRANGE STORY.

In the December number of the *Atlantic* is told a story from true life which has not many equals for oddity in fiction. As the tale goes, one day a man pretty well on in years came into the Police Headquarters, and asked to have the officers take down a description of his wife and children, who had disappeared from their home. The man told his story in such a simple, unaffected way that he made a deep impression upon those who heard it. He lived in a small town in Connecticut, and had been married five or six years to a woman considerably younger than himself, and by whom he had two children. On returning from his daily business a few nights before he found his home deserted; wife and children had evidently gone out, dressed in their best clothes, leaving no word of explanation. It struck him as being very strange; but, although disturbed, he was not seriously alarmed, as he concluded they must have gone to a friend's house. He got his own tea, and then smoked his pipe, expecting momentarily to hear them at the door. It was late in the evening before his anxiety drove him out to look for them among the neighbors. The next day he learned that they had been seen in the railway station at the next village, and that they had taken the cars going East. That was all he knew about it. He and his wife, he said, had got on pretty well together. He was perhaps too old to be much society for her, but she never complained. Since she had gone off he remembered that she had been very melancholy and moping for some time past. He thought that she had "sort of dwelt on things, bein' so much alone;" that she had become "crazy-like," and had started off with the idea of going to see some people in New Hampshire whom she had known before she was married. But the New Hampshire folks had not seen her or heard of her; and some of the neighbors said, "More like she'd gone off with a younger man." "But you see," said the deserted husband, "that ain't likely, as she wouldn't have taken the children if she was that wicked." The police gave a good deal of attention to the case, as it was a peculiar one; they had a feeling of sympathy for the man who had suffered such terrible loss. The wife and children were traced to a town a short distance from Portland, Me. There a woman and two little children, answering in most particulars to the description given by the police, were seen by the local station-master to leave a through train and walk off in the direction of the village. It was just at dusk, and snowing heavily at the time. The road led along the banks of a river. Passing out of the station-master's sight into the storm, they were seen no more. The inquiries of the police never got beyond that. Those who had been at work upon the case settled down to the belief that the woman had left home during a fit of temporary insanity; that the storm she encountered on leaving the cars increased the confusion in her mind, and that she had either thrown her children and herself into the river, or had wandered out of the road and fallen in with them. One evening, after this conclusion had been reached, an officer who had worked on the case was asked by a young woman who was visiting at his house to tell an interesting police case. He told her the story of the deserted husband. The young woman afterward married and went to live in a Western city. Some years passed, when, on meeting the officer again, she reminded him of the story he had told her, and asked if anything had been heard of the wife and children. He said the case remained as profound a mystery as ever.

"Now," she said "I will go on with the story where you ended. The woman got off the train at B—— for the purpose of misleading those who might search for her. She had through tickets to Portland; and, after going some distance toward the village, as testified by the station-master, she retraced her steps. Eluding observation at the railroad station she got on a way-train that came along presently, and proceeded to Portland. There she was met by a man who took her to the Grand Trunk Railroad; and the next train bore them to a city in the Far West, where they found a home which had been carefully prepared for them. She appeared as the wife of the man who accompanied her, and who had recently established the home to which, as he told the neighbors, he was going to bring his wife and two children from the East. The children were too young to know what it all meant, and were soon taught to believe that they had always known their new father. In Western communities they are not so curious about one's antecedents as they are in New England, and the new family was accepted as a valuable acquisition to the neighborhood. How did I learn all that? Well, soon after I settled in ——, I formed a very pleasant acquaintance with the lady who lived next door—a quiet, attractive woman, who seemed to be uncommonly happy in her married life. One day, when her husband was absent, she was taken very ill. I was sent for; and while under the fear of death, she told me her story. When she was a school girl she became engaged to the man she now lived with. He went away to seek his fortune, and not long after she heard he had married. Then, in despair, she married a man old enough to be her father. After she had been married some three years she heard that her only love had been true to her. She wrote imploring him to forgive her. A correspondence had followed, and by and by she was wrought up to the point of leaving her husband. All the details of the elopement had been arranged by letter; and, when she joined her lover in Portland, she saw him for the first time after a separation of ten years."

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ARTIFICIAL INCUBATION.—A lady residing near the Sisters' Hospital keeps a half dozen or more hens, and has been astonished at the strange manner in which a nest full of eggs was hatched. A quantity of manure had been thrown from the stable, and yesterday the children heard young chickens in this pile. They at once called the attention of their mother to the fact, who, to solve the mystery, directed that the heap be pulled down. When this was done, a short distance from the surface a cavity was discovered in which were nine little chicks. The hen had managed to make her nest in the heap, and after laying eleven eggs, the opening had been closed by the stablemen piling on more of the cleanings from the stable.—*Petersburg Guardian.*

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There's a spot on the face,
And there's many a trace
Of a scratch or a scar on the wood;
And the hands, made of brass,
With an odd shadow pass
O'er a dial that for ages has stood.

Yet the old clock is ticking,
The second hand picking
It's way round to the "60" so sure;
And it strikes with a ring,
Like an animate thing,
All the time looking old and demure.

Ah! that cherrywood clock,
Standing grim as a rock,
Looking down on the folks of to-day,
Could tell tales of its own,
In its own solemn tone,
Of the past in its old fashioned way.

It has ticked slow and strong
In its monotone song,
When the house was all quiet and still;
It has spoken as loud,
Almost joyous and proud
When the blast without whistled so shrill.

It has ticked with the bell
That a wedding would tell;
It has ticked, keeping time with the song:
it has ticked at the birth
Of a soul brought to earth,
To battle and grow with the strong.

It has ticked through the night,
When the small, shaded light
Saw the weary, fond watchers above,
With the breath dying fast,
Ere the life-lease was past,
Of a parent or child whom they love.

It has ticked on the tread
As they carried the dead
Thro' the old-fashioned hallway and door,
And it ticked right along,
Just as steady and strong,
When the funeral service was o'er.

'Tis an honest old hand,
With a dingy brass band,
Tracing round the old dial each day.
But it seems to foretell,
With a mystical spell,
How swiftly our lives pass away.

'Tis an heirloom at best,
Looking odd with the rest,
Of the modern apparel and wear.
With its wonderful gaze
At the present odd ways
Of the new generation and fare.

There's a problem to solve,
As the hands slow revolve,
Whether modern folks, manners and all,
Are as true and as good
As the old folks so cute,
Whose hands placed the clock in the hall.

—*Charles Chamberlain, Jr.*

FENCES ON FARMS.

A MATTER OF IMPORTANCE FOR YOUNG AND OLD FARMERS TO CONSIDER.

One of the greatest questions the farmer of the future will be called on to meet is the matter of fences on their farms. As timber grows scarcer the already great cost of enclosing his fields will fall still more heavily on the agriculturist. The amount of money already put into this unproductive investment is no small part of the cost of the farm. That we will have to resort to the "no fence" system practiced in continental Europe, says the Lancaster *New Era* editorially, seems inevitable. The time is nearing us rapidly when circumstances will prevent farmers from indulging in this useless outlay of money. Experience has demonstrated even in this country that the "no fence" system is as feasible and as profitable as it is in the Old World. Maine has adopted this course by legal enactment, and it is said the people are very well pleased with the workings of the law. In the state of North Carolina it is left optional with the several counties to adopt or reject the system. Some have done the one and some the other, and in every instance where it has been adopted it has met with approval. The wonder is that it has not sooner come into favor. This can only be explained on the ground that it was begun when the country was covered with timber and was in fact a necessity from various then existing causes. But these have long since passed away, while only the legacy remains behind. Neither the cost nor the necessity are what they once were. The former has become a heavy tax on the farm, while no vestige of the latter remains unless in exceptional cases. There is not a particle of doubt but that the abolition of fences on the farm in all but a few instances would result beneficially to the farmer. The space taken up by fences and stone wall's on large farms runs to acres, all of which are so much waste land, and which under the same treatment given the other portions of the farm would add very materially to the farmer's bank account. An equal sum or more would be saved in expenses. Few farmers have a correct idea of what it costs to keep up the fencing system. Repairs must be made just as regularly as the seasons come around. The ordinary amount of work is not a little, and when severe storms come along, as they generally do several times a year, there are extra costs that sometimes make heavy inroads on the hard working farmer's profits. In addition to all this, it has been demonstrated a thousand times over that where the stock on a farm has been soiled, there is not only a large increase in the manure so essential to keeping the farm up to its highest productive capacity, but that there is an immense saving in the matter of food. The testimony on these points is universal and overwhelming, and when taken in connection with the previously mentioned facts, seems to argue so strongly against keeping up the expensive system of fences in vogue, as to be simply indisputable. A score or more years from now the young farmers of the present day will look back with surprise that their fathers, and even themselves, so long clung to the absurd, expensive and complicated system of fencing, at present nearly everywhere prevalent.

GRAFTING GRAPEVINES.—Those who wish to graft their vines with other vines should remember, says the Germantown *Telegraph*, that winter, and not spring, is the time for it—and in this the grape is different from most other trees. It is different in this, that in the spring of the year there is such a tremendous pressure upward by the ascending sap that the cion and stock which are to unite must of course touch one another, are forced by the sap part. When the grafts are put in at this season there is little of this. The severed cells granulate and heal, and when the sap is ready to flow upward strongly, it goes up through its regular channels in the graft without any tendency to break out through the junction.

How to graft grapevines admits of many various replies. The best is probably that described years ago in our pages by Samuel Miller, then of Lebanon, in this State, now of Missouri, who was very successful as a grafter of the grape. He drew away the soil from the stock to be grafted, cut it down about two inches from the surface, then cut with a stout sharp knife a long and narrow wedge-shaped notch in the stock, and shaped the cion as a wedge to fit in the notch in the stock. The lips of the notch are then tied together and the earth drawn in around the whole, leaving the upper eye of the graft above the ground.

We may say that it is very astonishing that grape grafting is not more generally practiced, and especially since the discovery that the great success of the Concord, Clinton and a few other grapes, is not owing to an extra constitutional hardiness, but to the fact that the power to throw out numerous fibrous roots is greater in these kinds.—If this be true, and it seems to be really the case, we may have the choices and best of grapes by grafting them on these vigorous rooting stocks.

FARMER'S FAMILIES.—Much has been said and written on this subject, says a correspondent of the Germantown *Telegraph*. Poets have loved it and almost every artist has his cozy little farmhouse nestled among the trees, covered with climbing-roses, and surrounded by the 'necessary outbuildings.' Many a time have we forgotten while gazing at such a picture, or reading one of these amorous effusions, that we were born in the country, and that we lived in a farmhouse and followed its tiresome monotony from morning till night, varying from laundry to dairy, feeding the poultry, rising before the lark was astir to milk the "patient kine," "shod like the mountaineer," and so on with but little variation, save on those days on which there was house cleaning or some "extra job" to be done.

Then when evening came and we sat down, thoroughly wearied, what an unutterable longing came over us for something more. If (and the tantalizing picture would present itself) there was a paper to be picked up after this was over, or some interesting and instructive volume—we were weary, very weary, and the very sight of a pile of patching made both fingers and eyes ache—we were disinclined to touch it.

And just here is one of the great wants of our modern farmhouse. There will be found, if the case be investigated, that in by far the largest portion of them there is but the one weekly paper, and in very many none at all. In these houses the library may easily be counted. And here men and women in embryo spend those years that will so much influence their future lives. Let this be remedied. Let the fathers supply their children with those grand educators, the public press; gather around their firesides the classic author, the historian, and mingle with them the best poets and some well-assorted novels, and thus inaugurate a new era in our farmhouses, which will make home more attractive to the sons than the corner grocery, and the wives and daughters will have something to amuse and rest them after the cares of the day.

TAR, CORN, AND CROWS.—When I wrote from the farm of Mr. Drew, last summer, that dressing corn in tar before planting saved it from the crows, I did not suppose that so many farmers would be roused at once to consider the great value of the face. True, it is not new. I did not so say. It is widely known and has long been practiced. Here we have the Second Annual Report of an Agricultural College in Japan. Describing the mode of planting corn in that country, the Report says:

"A device which was resorted to, to prevent the myriads of crows from pulling up the corn, was the means of saving an immense deal of trouble, and is worthy of mention. The grain was first soaked about ten hours in water which had been made quite salt, the salt being, however, for another purpose which I will mention further on, and not necessary as far as the crows were concerned. The corn was then taken out of the brine and allowed to drain a few moments, when a small quantity of tar was added, and the whole thoroughly stirred until each kernal was seen to be covered with a very thin coating of it. Air-slaked lime enough was then mixed with it to make the grain moderately dry and convenient to handle. This treatment does not injure, in the slightest degree, the germinating quality of the seed; and it is perfectly certain to prevent the crows from troubling it, as was conclusively shown on the college farm. A small piece was planted with fodder corn and, as we did not have enough corn tarred to quite finish the field, a few rows were planted with grain which had not received any tar. Both kinds of seed came up equally well, and for a few days grew with equal vigor; but, some enterprising crow happened to discover that a part of it had not received its arrow, the result was that in one day he with a few of his countless brothers pulled up almost every kernel of that seed which was planted without tar. The line of demarkation between the tarred and untarred was perfectly distinct; and though occasionally one or two kernels were pulled up in the rows next to the latter portion, they were left lying unseen upon the surface of the ground."

A GOOD NEWSPAPER IS THE CHEAPEST LITERATURE.—It is a remarkable fact that the general appreciation, in price and consequent upon the revival of prosperity throughout the United States finds an exception in the cost of literature of every kind. This is emphatically an era of cheap literature, and newspapers, after all, are the cheapest of literature. A journal like the Philadelphia WEEKLY TIMES, the fifty-two numbers issued in a year being equivalent to sixty-four ordinary books, is easily within the reach of the most depleted purse. The WEEKLY TIMES is a newspaper, but something more than a newspaper. While all the news of the day is fully covered by special correspondents stationed at all the great centres of population, and all other approved agencies for the collection of news are employed, equal prominence is given to other departments of literature and activity. Fiction, poetry, sketches of travel, adventure and biography, essays in popular science, the latest aspects of modern thought, are given appropriate treatment in its columns. All topics of political, commercial, religious, social and general interest are fearlessly discussed in the editorial columns; the critical department, musical, dramatic and literary, are in competent hands, matters of domestic economy have special attention, and the crops of all countries is made to pay tribute in its best things for the entertainment of American readers. These assertions are broad, but they are justified by the nearly unanimous verdict of the press and people that the Philadelphia WEEKLY TIMES is the family newspaper now published. In calling attention to the remarkably liberal terms which are offered to subscribers for the year 1880—a year that is likely to be memorable in American history—we feel that we are doing good service to all who wish to enjoy during that year the visits of a newspaper which, while barring all that is objectionable of the daily issue, is the completest